

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. If there has ever been cases for re-regulation, it's this and the Ronald Reagan controversy. Because Reagan has achieved sainthood with republicans and they're well organized, they were able to force a perfectly legal and appropriate movie about the former president to be pulled before broadcast.

Now, please explain to me how this latest venture of obvious politicing can be legal?

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.

I hope that an outpouring of comments from citizens like me clue you folks into the fact that americans are getting tired of this nonsense. Pure garbage spews out of televisions every day and nobody seems to care.